

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2005-402-C, 2005-403-C, 2005-404-C, 2005-405-C and 2005-406-C

ORDER NO. 2006-149

MARCH 3, 2006

IN RE:	Docket No. 2005-402-C – Time Warner)	ORDER GRANTING
	Cable Information Services (South Carolina),)	CONSOLIDATION OF
	LLC,)	DOCKETS
	Complainant/Petitioner,)	
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	vs.)	
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	St. Stephen Telephone Company,)	
	Defendant/Respondent.)	
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	<hr/> Docket No. 2005-403-C – Time Warner)	
	Cable Information Services (South Carolina),)	
	LLC,)	
	Complainant/Petitioner,)	
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	vs.)	
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	Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.,)	
	Defendant/Respondent.)	
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	<hr/> Docket No. 2005-404-C – Time Warner)	
	Cable Information Services (South Carolina),)	
	LLC,)	
	Complainant/Petitioner,)	
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	vs.)	
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	Home Telephone Company, Inc.,)	
	Defendant/Respondent.)	
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Docket No. 2005-405-C – Time Warner)
Cable Information Services (South Carolina),)
LLC,)
Complainant/Petitioner,)
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vs.)
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PBT Telecom, Inc.,)
Defendant/Respondent.)
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Docket No. 2005-406-C – Time Warner)
Cable Information Services (South Carolina),)
LLC,)
Complainant/Petitioner,)
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vs.)
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Fort Mill Telephone Company,)
Defendant/Respondent.)
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of the Commission's Staff to consolidate Docket Nos. 2005-402-C, 2005-403-C, 2005-404-C, 2005-405-C and 2005-406-C presently pending before the Commission for hearing purposes.

On December 28, 2005, Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC (Time Warner or Complainant) filed complaints with the Commission against the following companies; St. Stephen Telephone Company, Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Home Telephone Company, Inc., PBT Telecom, Inc., and Fort Mill Telephone Company (Defendants). Upon the complaint filings, the Commission established Docket Nos. 2005-402-C through 2005-406-C to address each complaint of Time Warner.

The complaints filed by Time Warner allege violation by the Defendants of 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(1) for failure to negotiate in good faith in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252. Due to the similarity of the complaints, the Commission Staff seeks to consolidate the five (5) complaint dockets for hearing purposes. Furthermore, correspondence has been received from counsel for Time Warner, counsel for the Defendants and counsel for the Office of Regulatory Staff, wherein all counsel has given consent to consolidation of the dockets.

The Commission finds the request of the Commission Staff to consolidate reasonable and finds that judicial economy would be served by the consolidation of the five (5) present dockets, and therefore approves the request to consolidate.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission Staff's request to consolidate Docket Nos. 2005-402-C, 2005-403-C, 2005-404-C, 2005-405-C and 2005-406-C for hearing purposes is hereby granted.


2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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